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FLORIAN!
KU...
QUICKLY...
QUICKLY, GO THROUGH THAT TUNNEL. I'LL FOLLOW AFTER YOU!
FLORIAN!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL LET YOU!

WHY'RE YOU BEING SO SLOW!
GET AFTER THEM!
YOU'RE MORE UNBELIEV ABLE THAN YOU LOOK!
SOMEHOW
MY GUN WHERE'S MY GUN
IT... IT'S DARK AND WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BOSS
AHH ~ GEEZ ~~!

UWA!
ドキッ
THEY WENT ON AHEAD. ARE YOU OKAY?
NOEL AND HIS FATHER?

EXCUSE ME---- AHEAD IT SEEMS TO DROP DOWN RATHER STRANGELY
AH~ DON'T LOOK AT ME SO SUSPICIOUSLY!
IT SEEMS WE'RE LOST.
THEY'RE NOT OVER THERE!
CHECK OVER HERE!
AH~! THEY'RE OVER HERE
THAT'S BAD...
YEAH, IN ORDER TO CONFUSE THEM A BIT, WE'RE TAKING A BRANCH ROAD
SOMEHOW IT LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM HOW WE CAME IN
YOU SAY "BRANCH ROAD", BUT THERE'S ISN'T A WHOLE LOT "ROAD"
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WAS A BRANCH ROAD

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
FLORIAN!
HURRY, RUN!
STOP RIGHT THERE, DARLING.
LOUISE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND FOLLOW THEM~!
NO FLORIAN, FLORIAN HAS TO COME, TOO!
CAN'T BE HELPED JUMP!

HUH!?
MONSIEUR TASSEL! NOEL! HURRY UP RIGHT NOW!
WOW GOOD WORK

MORONS!
STUPID FOOLS! THEY WERE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU LET THEM ESCAPE!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD TELL WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO
THEY HAD THE ADVANTAGE ON US THERE
THIS IS BAD. WE HAVE TO EVACUATE THE HIDEOUT
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
KILL HIM?
IDIOT WE DON'T HAVE TO KILL THIS BOY.
THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM.
TREAT HIM GENTLY.

FLORIAN!

FLORIAN GOT CAPTURED BECAUSE YOU PUT USELESS THOUGHTS IN HIS HEAD, DIDN'T YOU? SOLOMON SUGAR
THAT'S TRUE, BUT FLORIAN IS AT LEAST UNDER YOUR CARE, ISN'T HE-
ISN'T SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT A BIT TOO MUCH?
AND NOW MY NUISANCES HAVE INCREASED BY ONE. I DON'T REMEMBER TURNING INTO A PHILANTHROPIST!
WHEN YOU'RE AROUND, YOU DRIVE ME UP THE WALL. THAT'S ENOUGH, SO GET OUT OF HERE!
I TRULY RESPECT YOU, REI BALZAC COUPLAND-KUN!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, ISN'T IT?
A TRANSFORMATION FROM A CORRUPT LOAN SHARK INTO A PHILANTHROPIST!

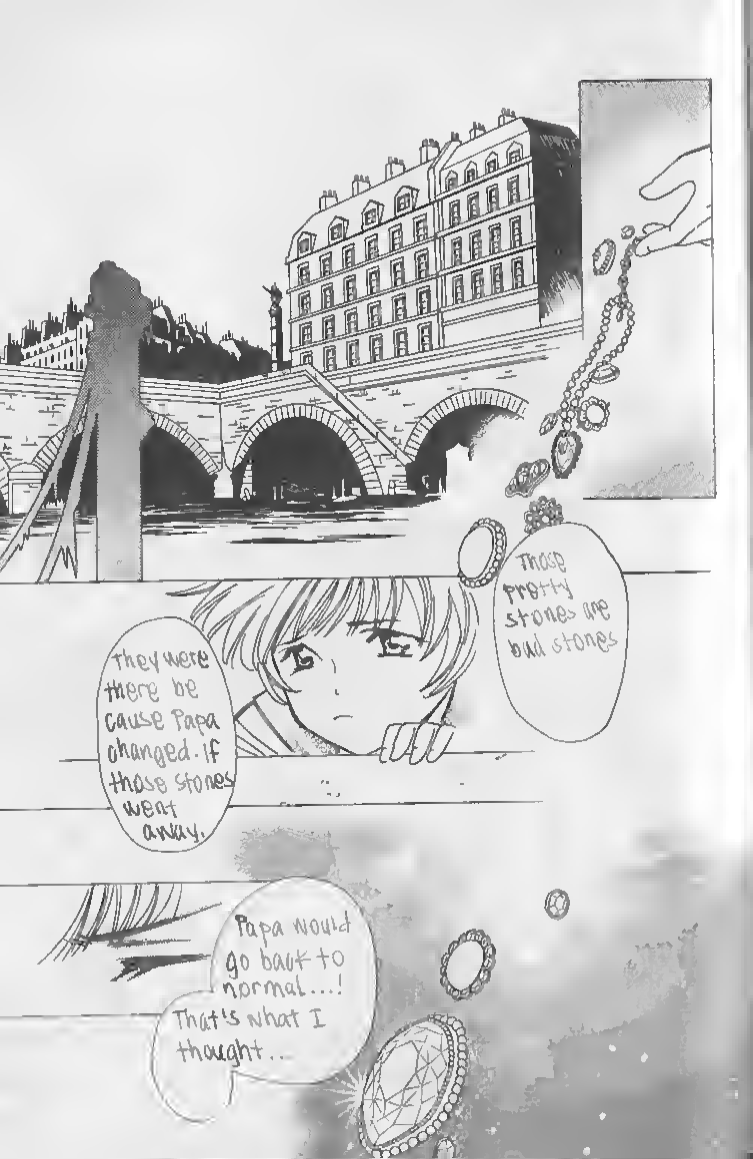
AND?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO,
HE WENT OFF AND LEFT, AND THEN WENT OFF AND GOT HIMSELF CAPTURED.
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

DON'T MAKE PROMISES YOU CAN'T KEEP
THEY'VE PROBABLY FLED FROM THEIR HIDEOUT
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND THEM?
RE!
THAT'S WHY YOU STILL NEED TO STAY HERE, CHIBI
IT'S OKAY, I'LL DO SOMETHING
W-WAIT, SOLOMON-SAN
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
I'LL GO AND RESCUE FLORIAN ALONE.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TAKEN UP YOUR TIME.
ME, TOO. I'LL GO, TOO...! IF WE DON'T HURRY, FLORIAN WILL DIE!
KID
YES
WHAT?
LALA
W-WELL..

FREE THOSE FELLOWS WHO WE CAPTURED. LET THEM SWIM FREE AND THEY'LL RETURN TO THE NEST.
RIGHT
RIGHT. GOT CHA
I'LL HAVE GEORGE AND TERRY SHADOW THEM.
I GOTTA BE NORMAL
OK.
IT'S NOTHING
BECAUSE TO NOIR, IT MEANS NOTHING----
BUT,
I REALLY CAN'T TROUBLE YOU ANY FURTHER

HANS, BRING "IT" HERE.
RICH
"IT"...
BETTY DEUX!
I THOUGHT THAT THEY TOOK IT, SO WHY..?
I WANTED TO RESEARCH IT'S EYES A BIT, SORRY NOEL, BUT I SWITCHED YOURS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE JEWELS ARE IN THE REAL TEDDY BEAR---- IN OTHER WORDS, THE ONE THAT YOU HAVE. AS LONG AS THEY THINK THAT, THEY WON'T KILL FLORIAN.

IT'S USELESS BEFORE THE "BLACK HAND", THE PARIS POLICE ARE UNTRUSTWORTHY.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE RICH AND POWERFUL, YOU'VE BEEN TRAPPED AS WELL, MSSR TASSEL.
I'LL REPORT TO THE POLICE RIGHT AWAY----
I AM READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY OWN CRIMES.
I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY FOR INVOLVING INOCCENTS LIKE YOU.
I JUST LET THAT WOMAN TALK ME INTO THIS..
BUT---- THEN FLORIAN.. -KUN WILL BE.
FLORIAN WILL BE FINE. HE WON'T LET ANYONE KILL HIM.


Those pretty stones are bad stones
They were there because Papa changed. If those stones went away,
Papa would go back to normal...!
That's what I thought...

As long as they think that, they won't kill Florian
They believe that the jewels are in the real teddy bear---in other words, the one you have
I threw them away in the river!
But the jewels inside..
BUT!

BUT I DON'T ALWAYS JUST LOAN MONEY.
JUST AS LONG AS INTEREST PILES UP.
I'M AN USURER BY PROFESSION---
HEY, ADD THIS TO FLORIAN'S DEBT!
HE REALLY SCREWED UP TO BE THE ONLY ONE CAUGHT!
YOU WANT ME TO PAY FOR THAT?
WITH YOUR LIVES! I'LL NEVER GET IT BACK!
ABSOLUTELY.
I'LL BRING YOU BACK ALIVE---!

NOEL
SO,
I STUFFED BETTY DELUX WITH NORMAL PEBBLES!
IF THEY SAY THAT THEY WANT TO TRADE FLORIAN FOR THE JEWELS
!

WATCH, NOEL!
!?

WELL, NOW THEN.
WE HAD YOU VOMIT FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU IN MORE PAIN THAN NECESSARY

HE'S MY PRICELESS LIVING AMETHYST JEWEL
IF HE'S DESTROYED, I'LL BE BY MY HANDS

I DON'T KNOW! HOW MANY TIMES MUST YOU ASK ME THAT!
TELL ME
WHERE ARE THE JEWELS? WHERE ARE YOU HIDING THEM!?
KK...
AH...
AHHH~...!
WHAT ARE YOU!?
THESE FINGER NAILS. WITH THEIR FAINT PINK TINGE LIKE SEA SHELLS
ESPECIALLY
YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, AREN'T YOU
YOU'RE SOMEHOW LIKE A FINELY MADE DOLL. EVEN A WOMAN LIKE MYSELF IS JEALOUS

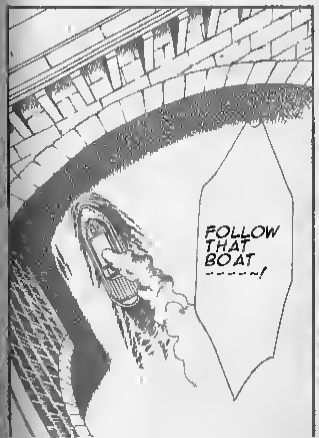
IT SEEMS THAT SOME WONDERFUL GUESTS HAVE FOLLOWED THEM HOME.
THOSE FOOLS!
WHAT'S WRONG? BOSS
?
WHAT THE...!?
PARIS POLICE! WE RECIEVED INFORMATION THAT THIS IS A HIDEOUT FOR THE CRIMINAL "BLACK HAND" ORGANIZATION
WE'LL BE SEARCHING THIS MANSION.

YOU LOOK SO LOVELY WHEN YOU'RE BREAKING DOWN.
WHERE SHOULD I GO NEXT?
HEY, FACE FOR WARD!
THAT'S RIGHT. PERHAPS THOSE AMETHYST EYES------ HOW ABOUT IT?
HUH?
WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN WANDERING OFF TO! YOU USELESS MORONS!
I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING WHEN YOU'RE BUSY.
BUT LEO AND FRANCO HAVE RETURNED

WAA---- BOSS PLEASE FORGIVE US!
WE WERE CAPTURED THIS WHOLE TIME! WE DIDN'T THINK WE WERE BEING FOLLOWED!
DAMN
WHAT THE HELL HAP-PENED!
YOU WERE CAP-TURED?

DAMMIT~!
NO WAY OUT, LET'S DO IT!
FIRE AT WILL!

WELL, THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR COOPER-ATION
THAT WOMAN BOSS GOT AWAY, BUT THIS WILL SURELY BE A HUGE BLOW TO THE "BLACK HAND" IN PARIS!


FOLLOW THAT BOAT ------!

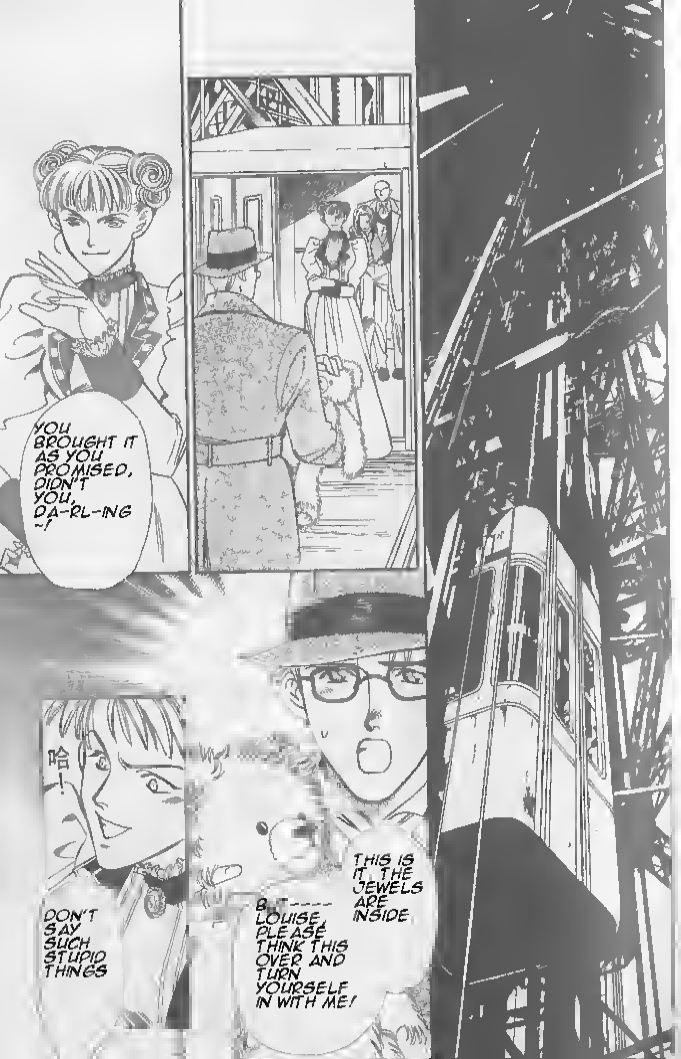
YES SIR! INSPECTOR!
WHERE IS THE WO-MAN?
THE WOMAN IS THEIR LEADER FIND THE WOMAN!

WHAT'S THAT

I'LL ASK YOU QUITE FRANK LY
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE?
STOP CALLING ME THAT. I HATE IT
WHAT ABOUT MYSELF? COUNT COUR LAND
哼！
A PREDICT-ABLE RE ACTION, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT
THIS IS ALSO DUE TO HIS COOPER ATION.
IF YOU WANT TO GIVE THANKS, TALK TO MR CORRUPT LOAN SHARK
THIS IS FLORIAN'S TIE
THERE'S A CARD ATTACHED
WE FOUND THIS! IT WAS THROWN AWAY!
MAYBE I'M GETTING A COLD
AH~ THERE YOU ARE, THERE YOU ARE BOSS!
------ I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT HIDING MY OWN CRIMES AS A FATHER. I MUST SHOW NOEL THE RIGHT WAY TO LIVE...
---I UNDERSTAND IF THAT'S SO.

"UNTIL IT WAS SURPASSED BY NEW YORK'S CHRYSLER BUILDING IN 1930, THE EIFFEL TOWER WAS THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD."

THEN I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU. THEY'RE DEMANDING TO EXCHANGE FLORIAN'S LIFE FOR THE JEWELS INSIDE OF BETTY DEUX.
THIS IS THEIR ORDERS.
BY YOURSELF, TAKE BETTY DEUX AND GO TO THE SPECIFIED DESTINATION
M...ME, BY MYSELF ... THEY SAID?
THAT'S AN AWFULLY HONEST WAY TO ASK.
YES
THEY WANT TO SACRIFICE YOU


YOU BROUGHT IT AS YOU PROMISED, DIDN'T YOU, DA-RL-ING ~!
THIS IS IT. THE JEWELS ARE INSIDE
B...UT---- LOUISE PLEASE THINK THIS OVER AND TURN YOURSELF IN WITH ME!
哈!
DON'T SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS

GET IN THE ELEVATOR GOING UP AND IT WILL START WORKING.
ONCE YOU'RE ABOARD, GO DOWN THE RAMP AT THE CENTRAL JUNCTION
---- THAT'S THE APPOINTED PLACE FOR THE TRANSACTION

WITH THIS IN HAND, I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU ANY MORE!
TOUGH LUCK DIE!
ANOTHER BEAR? DIDN'T YOU HATE THAT FAKE ONE?
TH THIS TIME IT'S REAL, NO DOUBT
WHOOA!
HURRY, LET FLORIAN -KUN
I-I UNDERSTAND
THE TREASURE COMES FIRST OTHERWISE, WE'LL PUSH HIM DOWN FROM HERE
TASSEL-SAN

WH, WHAT'S GOING ON~
WAA~!?
IF YA WANNA DIE THAT MUCH, I'LL START WITH YOU!
THE OTHER ELEVATOR STARTED MOVING ALL BY ITSELF!?
UWAA~
TAS-SEL-SAN, GET DOWN!
UWA~!
FLORIAN-KUN!?
WA~?
AH~!
LITTLE BRAT

LITTLE GIRL
YOU'RE A TRULY ANNOYING

DID HE SAY NOIR!?
NOIR!
THAT MYS-TERIOUS THIEF!?
JUMP, FLORIAN!
AH~ WAIT, YOU BAS-TARD!

I'M NOT GIVING IT UP~!
BOSS?
THAT'S MINE! GIVE IT BACK~!
THIEF!
SORRY, BUT I'LL BE TAKING THIS BACK HOME
WH...WHERE DID THEY GO!?
AH~ MY TREASURE!
DON'T MAKE ME WORRY SO MUCH
NO!...

POLICE!!
WHAT!?
BUT YOU'RE IN THE SAME TROUBLE AREN'T YOU THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN
WELL THEN, WHAT EVER SHALL I DO

AU REVOIR
DON'T MOCK ME! COME DOWN FROM THERE!
THERE ARE SOME WONDERFUL CALLERS AWAITING YOU DOWN BELOW, MADAME~.

DON'T WORRY. IF EVERYTHING INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT WAS DONE BY THE "BLACK HAND", HE'LL GET OFF FREE OF CHARGE.
IF THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS
AH !
AREN'T YOU THE MISSING MONSIEUR TASSEL!?
DING
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAP PENED
HE'S INVOLVED. HE WANTED TO TURN HIMSELF IN
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU AS LONG AS THE JEWELS ARE SAFE.
WHO CARES WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE ELSE!
HA !
JEALOUS OF THE JEWELS?

ALWAYS BE PRE PARED, I SAY
WHAT'S THAT!?
AN A. AIR SHIP!?
TASSEL! TASSEL--S AN... ARE YOU GOING TO ABANDON HIM, NOIR!?

I'M RETURNING THE DEPOSITS OF THE PEOPLE OF PARIS FOR SIR TASSEL.
YOU ---- WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
AHH~!
NOW.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
NO~!
WATCH
WHY WOULD I FEEL THAT~!
NO~!

YOU ADDED ALL OF THOSE JEWELS TO MY DEBT, DIDN'T YOU!
SO HE SAYS
I O U
YOU CORRUPT LOAN SHARK!
DON'T TEASE FLORIAN ~!
看招!!
BUT I'M LENDING TO YOU AT A VERY SPECIAL LOW INTEREST RATE.
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR MY GENEROSITY
唔
嗯哼!

FOR ME, THOSE AMETHYSTS HAVE MORE VALUE THAN ANY JEWEL
NOIR

NOEL
IF I'M NOT ALWAYS HAPPY THEN PAPA WILL WORRY ...
WON'T... CRY, I... DECIDED I WON'T CRY.
HNHIKU
HIKU
じわ
YOU'RE A STRONG BOY
NOEL?

UNTIL TASSEL-SAN RETURNS, WE'RE IN CHARGE OF HIM. ISN'T THAT RIGHT? NOEL
YUP
WHO DECIDED THIS? WHO!
WA~ THAT MUNCHKIN STILL HERE?
OH MY, YOU MEAN A GENEROUS PERSON SUCH AS YOURSELF WOULD GET ANGRY OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
I DON'T CARE !
DO WHAT YOU WANT

IN THE ORIENT, THEY'RE CALLED "STONES OF GOOD FORTUNE". FOR ME, THEY'RE "STONES OF DISASTER"!
THE STAR SAPPHIRES?
SORRY, BUT CAN YOU RETURN THESE TO BETTY DELUX'S EYES?
CAN'T BE HELPED
WELL, MAYBE THEY'RE DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE

第3幕
馬格里布的青色魔物

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What should I wear I wonder
Okay, gotta get ready!
What's going on whith Lalla?
Oh, didn't you hear, Florian?
Everyone from the mansion is gonna go visit some country called "Marocco"!
And on a super deluxe ship!

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Hmph.
哼!
哼!
Mind your own Business
I was invited by an old Friend
He even paid for everyone's ticket who's interested
I don't know the details, but it looks like he wants to ask me for a favor
And hurry up and get prepared!
We're leaving the day after tomorrow
Th... that soon!? You never told me.
And to Morocco... Wh...!?

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... More than .. friends,
That's somehow surprising.
What do you mean by that?
An old friend... you said
Hmm. Noir has friends, too!
he's like an older brother ...
Okay, Rei?
From today on, we're brothers.
Hunger and pain and happiness... We'll split everything in half.
We'll always be together ...!

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Oh,
that's the entrance to North Africa!
I see it! The port of Tanger!!
It's kinda moving!!
Ah,
isn't he in the cabin? He looked pretty green.
Mm
By the way, have you seen Flonan!?
I'm coming in, Florian.
Ah, yeah.
Geez, it's because he's a spoiled rich boy

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How are you feeling?
Ha
I'm fine. I think I've pretty much gotten better.
I didn't realize that sea sickness was this rough.
When you do something, you really go all the way!
Leave me alone. I've been feeling horrible
And this is the first time I've been on such a long boat ride.
I'll teach you a good way to deal with it.
Huh
!?

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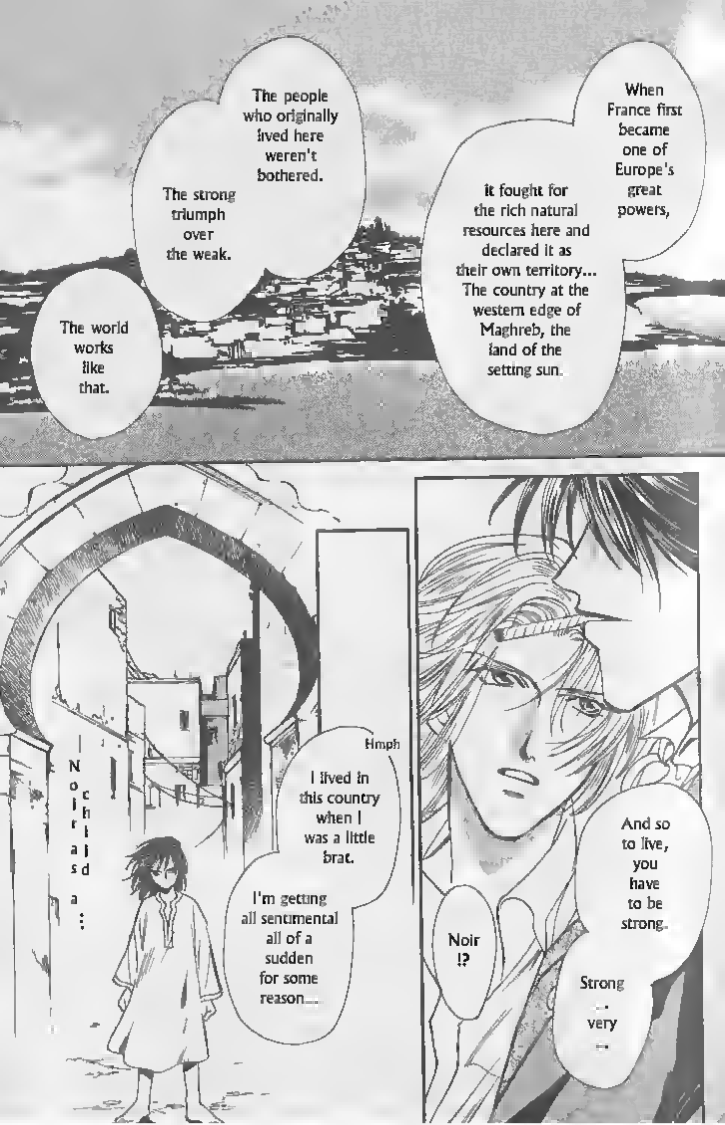
When France first became one of Europe's great powers,
it fought for the rich natural resources here and declared it as their own territory... The country at the western edge of Maghreb, the land of the setting sun.
The people who originally lived here weren't bothered.
The strong triumph over the weak.
The world works like that.
Noir as a child...
Hmph
I lived in this country when I was a little brat.
I'm getting all sentimental all of a sudden for some reason....
Noir !?
And so to live, you have to be strong.
Strong ... very ...

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Yeah,
Ah,
huh?
Noel?
Tanger is the world's most prominent free port.
It's really full of live, hey boss.
What is it,
It's the venter of world-wide commerce
Don't just stare, you'll get lost.
Flo rian ?
I'm gooing to head back for a minute.
What is it, Laila?
Noel? I can't see Noel.
He was here just a minute ago.
Th... this is bad
We have to look for him.
Noel's missing!
Ah... wait, Florian!

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Huh
WAA!!
What is going on...?

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I won't let you say that
you've forgotten me,
Rei.
Azura!
Sorry. I wanted to come and pick you up right away, but
I got caught up in some silly little business...

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Wa alaikum salaam.
So you've got THAT kind of relationship?
Noir's an uke!?
Kya ♡
It's an Islamic greeting. Don't misunderstand!
It's been six years.
It's good to be back, Azura!

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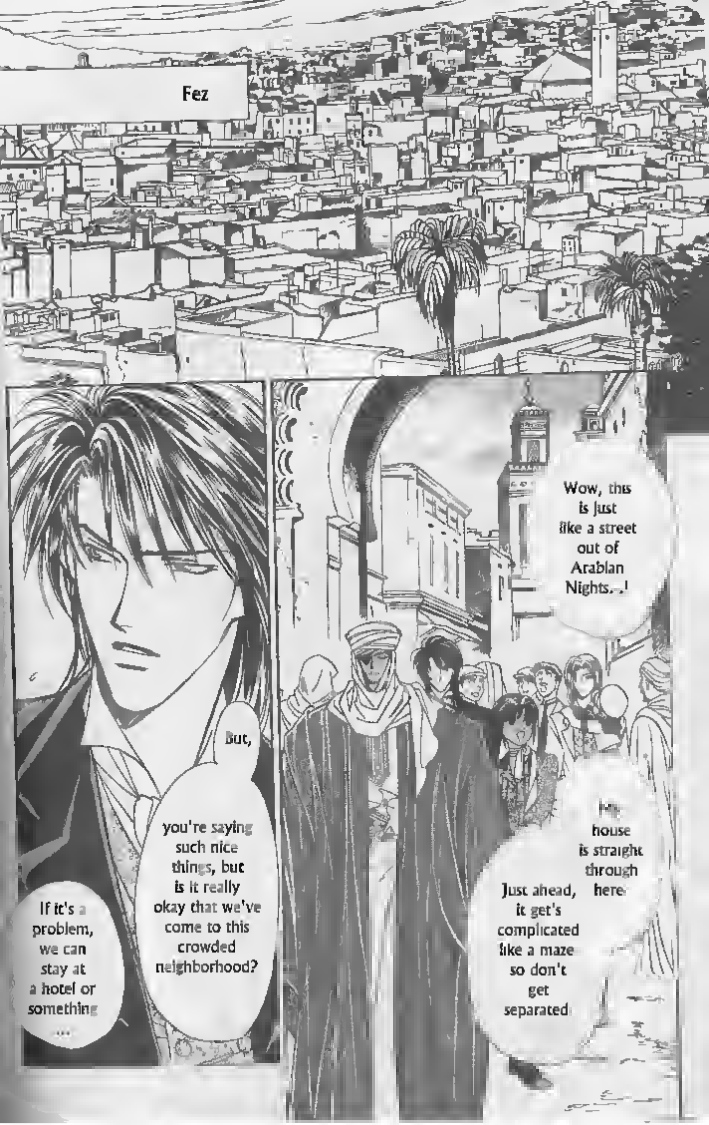
Fez
If it's a problem, we can stay at a hotel or something ...
But,
you're saying such nice things, but is it really okay that we've come to this crowded neighborhood?
Wow, this is just like a street out of Arabian Nights...!
Just ahead, it get's complicated like a maze so don't get separated
house is straight through here

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You're so cold.
Your friends are my friends. Let me treat them
Ah-ching
What in the world did you do to live in a palace-like place like this, Azura?
Now then, please come in.
You must be tired from your long journey. You should come in and relax.
You say such disreputable things!
I am merely a businessman.

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Even though
I'm under no obligation to the French police.
!
Reason number one was that your basic technique is everything that I taught you.
Silver white hair.
glowing blue
If I didn't know, what would you have done?

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How ever
I'll be pissed if you dragged me here just to tell me what I've done.
It just wouldn't be like you. Oshishou-san!
Ha !
That's for sure.
Did you
go through all this trouble to call me because you have business with the "Masked Noir"?
Good guess.
I have something that I wish for you to examine for me.

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An ancient text written on sheepskin
Wish for me to examine for you?
For this, I've been attacked over and over again.
What's this, why so formal?
An ancient text?
Until now
it has been secret, the treasures hidden by the secret society of the Knights Templar - this book is a code which reveals its hiding place.

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My life is in danger.
Because — of this "treasure of the Knights Templar"?
Thanks to some important intelligence information,
I was able to obtain coded book that is written about it
In the middle ages — around the time of the Crusades, some Europeans made the pilgrimage to the holy land of Jerusalem
Some holy knights were given the task of protecting the way so that the pilgrims could travel safely

However, many rumors spread as they began to gain many privileges or great fortunes.
They didn't fear God, they indulged in unfaithful deeds,
and in order to line their pockets, they formed a secret society entered into agreement with the Devil himself
The knights were gathered
someone was tortured into revealing them
Those who stubbornly refused to confess were burned at the stake
People at that time were said to have started trembling at the sound of the knights' dying curses.
SALVE
COAGU

Hmph —...
Exactly right.
Sounds like things were a matter of cause and effect
Almost all of their goods were confiscated.
In agreement with the devil, what a good excuse at that time to rob them of their wealth and goods!
The few remaining knights therefore hid them— they still have not been found...
But there were some goods that escaped that plot
That is...

An old French stronghold, Les Andelys, was a territory of the Knights Templar.
It was said that for a long time, the remaining Knights Templar concealed themselves in this castle...
Thanks to some important intelligence information, I was able to obtain this sheepskin.
The Bible!? It looks like part of the New Testament...?
It looks like it's pretty old...
Then, the ones who are after you...
Probably their descendents.
Perhaps there's some secret about this "treasure" that they don't want anyone to touch.
Why are you so interested in this sort of thing? —Azura
I'm merely interested... I suppose.
I have too much time on my hands.

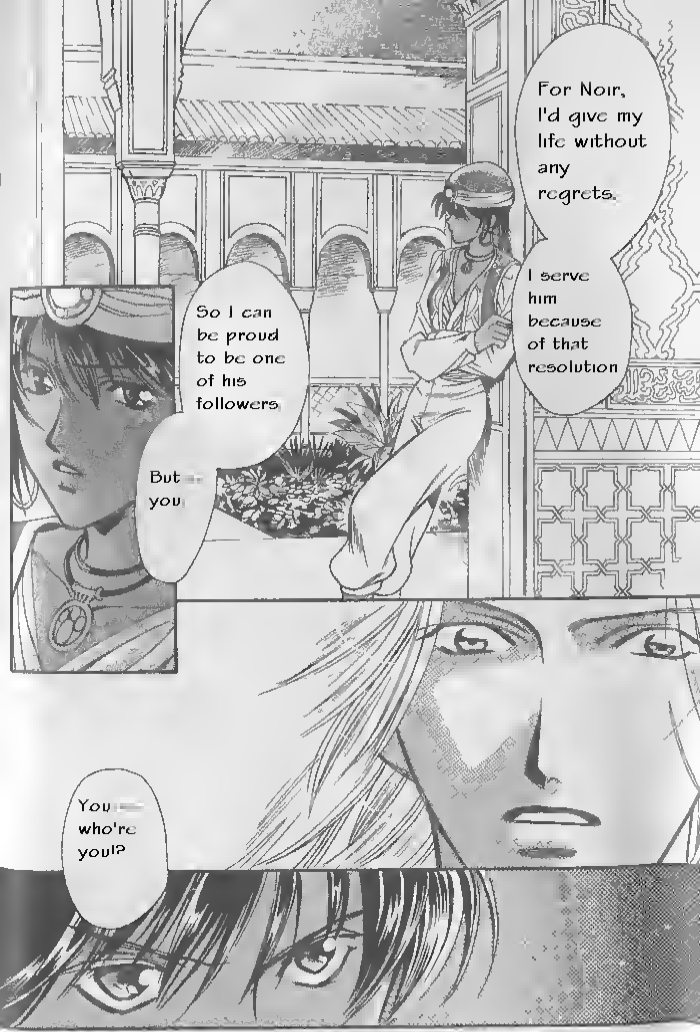
I'm asking you nicely.
We've done everything together since we were brats, haven't we?
It's going to be expensive if you want to hire me.
You let me run away, but I had already died...
It's... all thanks to you, Azura.
You grew up well, Rei...
You were such a skinny brat.

How could I repay you for this eye
At that time, you said to me....
"What're you doing? Hurry up and go!"
I've been grateful to you— always

Leave it up to me
More than that, allow me to see Masked Noir's true prowess
You protected me up until the end
This isn't in your nature
That's enough

There's something like Moroccan Whiskey? All right!!
Thought it was gonna be so rough coming to an Islamic country
Thought it wasn't easy to get your hands on some booze!
Cheers!
What're they doing —
UHE~~~~~~ What's this, this ain't booze!?
AH~ It's sweeeet ~
Moroccan Whiskey is really sweet mint tea

D—
don't just stare
You've got no tact!
!
Ah
!
Ah— Sorry
Florian


For Noir, I'd give my life without any regrets.
I serve him because of that resolution
So I can be proud to be one of his followers.
But you
You who're you!?

I'm ... horrible ...
Laila
Just some pretty little pet!
I won't lose to you...!

So the one out there with you was Laila...
Did she say anything to you?
no, nothing...
Florian
You're Florian out there, aren't you!?
Come here
..... That night ...
She's been acting a little strange lately.
She seems especially sensitive about you
Hah!

I don't have an interest in keeping people close to me who I don't have confidence in.
What about you? What do you think about Laila?
She's someone I can rely upon— So much so that she doesn't even feel like a "woman"!
So Noir doesn't like women?
I thought so
And what're y'u suggesting!
I'm not even thinking about that right now, it's too much trouble

He seems so shameless, but what's it really like inside of his head?
!?
After all, that place is just like it should be for someone his age
Ahh... I get it!
You're still a little kid, Nor~♫
What's with you? You're creepy!
More than that.
A favor for Azura.
You make it sound like I'm crawling away.
you're actually studying after coming all this way!?
Azura!? Ahh, that ancient text~

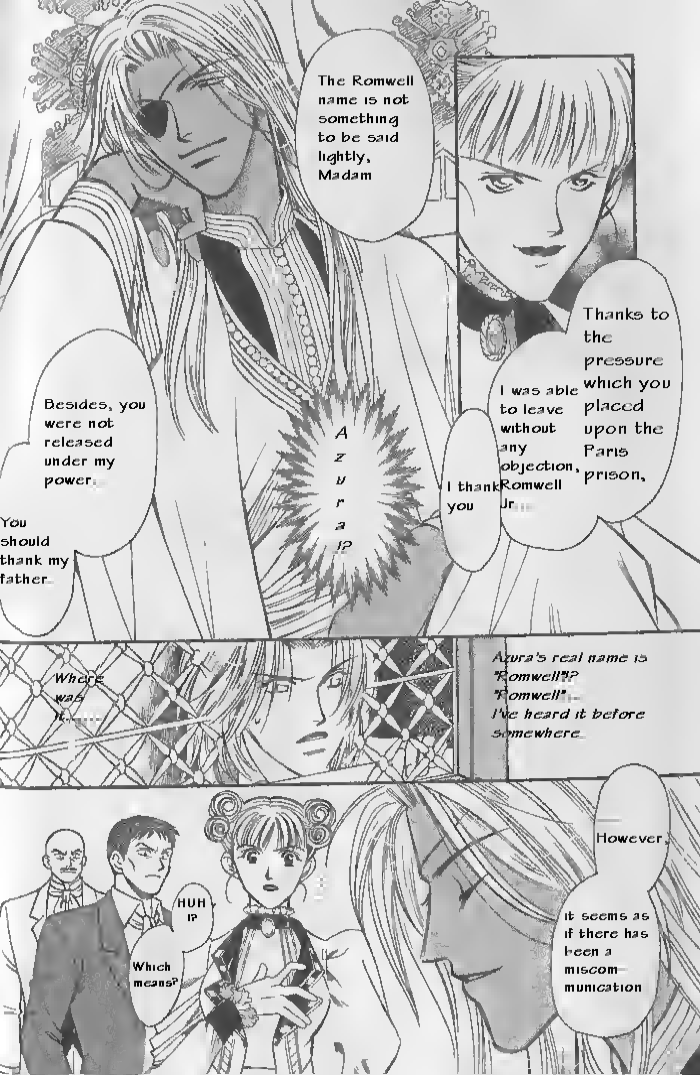
Yes, it's definitely the New Testament
But it seems like the writings are scraped together from many different places Luke, Mark, Matthew
It looks like... the Bible
Look closely Change the chapters and you get hit with numbers With this, it's easy to investigate
There must be some sort of meaning with these numbers Some sort of simple cryptography code
You really know a lot, don't you Even though everyone wrote the same sort of thing
It's a basic code!
If you consider the 26 letters of the alphabet as 26 numbers,
the 26 cycle like clockwork and using algebra you can add them up into a keyword
But for you to be doing work for someone else
that's pretty rare.

I thought you were the kind of guy
who only moves on his own convictions.
Azura's special.
You said that he raised you in this country like a brother.
At that time, Azura was everything in the world to me—
The one person I could trust, he was a friend, and a brother, and then... a teacher.
We were tied closer than blood relatives

That
Noor
Amazing moonlight
That's all he told me about that man Azura
but I wonder why... he feels so dangerous
Is it because of his blue eye, bright and clear like the moon?
What's that?
What're they doing, entering in the middle of the night and through the back gate...?

Ah
That woman—Louise!?
Why is she there—— It can't be—— but there's no mistaking ...!
It's the female Mafia boss of the internation al crime syndicate
"Black Hand"!

Ah
They're entering that door.
Oh no, I'm losing sight of them!


The Romwell name is not something to be said lightly, Madam
Thanks to the pressure which you placed upon the Paris prison,
I was able to leave without any objection, Romwell Jr.
I thank you
Azura!?
Besides, you were not released under my power.
You should thank my father.
Where was it.....
Azura's real name is "Romwell"!? "Romwell"... I've heard it before somewhere.
However,
it seems as if there has been a miscommunication
HUH !?
Which means?

The world is quite wide, so why did you flee here
And more than that, why now!
Your appearance here
Th... that is because
I recieved notification from America to hide myself with you
Wh what did you say!?
Right now
Noir is in this mansion
will not become an inconvenience, Louise!
He knows your face, isn't that right?

I know that you're his mistress.
Idiot
D...do you plan on killing me? I'm Romwell's..
k y a ~
!?
Bossi
gu-

Ah
...
Ahhh
Please do run. If you do, perhaps I will spare just you.
Eee~
Ee~
Ku
...
Ku-
ku-
ku-
ku...

!
I... I gotta call someone...!!
Lo... uise
ugu ~
!

I'll... ...case...
Help Louise
She's... ...still alive ...I?
A... ...zura
Hmph...
Stupid maggot!

You came in at a bad time.
Fell upon some bad things.
Ah
Ahh
Fight or cry out,
and I will likewise kill you.

That's it... good boy.
Swallow it down.
You'll feel better very soon...

They don't get tired easy, do they
!?
Azura-sama,
How shall we dospose of this man?
Some reason... I feel like I heard Florian's voice.
Maybe it was just my imagination.

For now, carry him to that room.
NOIR
He is our guest after all.
We must treat him politely...

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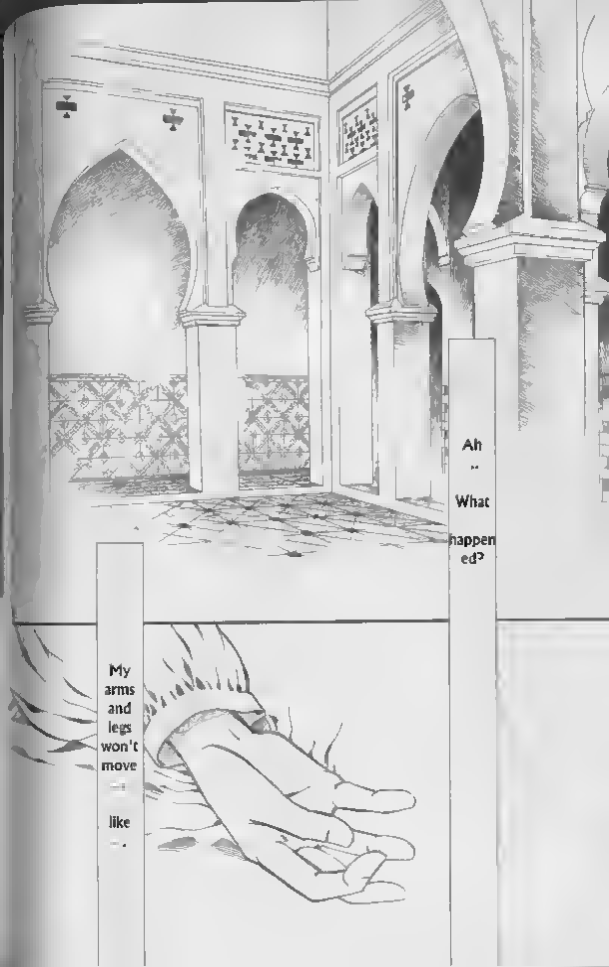

Ah
..
What
happen
ed?
My
arms
and
legs
won't
move
—!
like
—.

Azura!
I followed Louise and her guards
That's right, back then.

You shouldn't be able to move your limbs due to the drug
Don t do anything stupid
I saw them falling out of favor ...!
You're ... also conspiring with the Black Hand ... huh!
Ku... Wh...y, did you

Hmph
It is unthinkable for me to conspire with them - you see.
I'm one of the people who constructed the Black Hand crime organization.
I've never seen Noir look like that before!
You betrayed Noir ...!
You... He... trusts and respects you.

Get rid of meddlers,
and take complete advantage of those who you can. That's my policiy
Rei
still has some use left in him...!
Now now

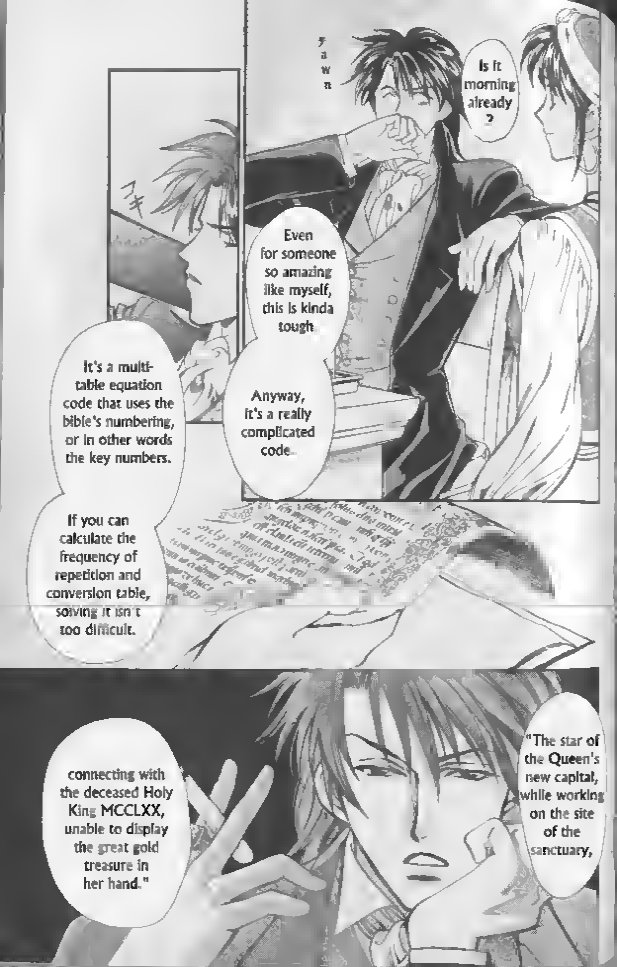
If you even start to do something
harm will befall your friends.
You've still got that much strength remaining!
I'm impressed.
AAH
This estate is tightly guarded by the Black Hand.
In the 10,000 to 1 chance that Rei figures it out - how much can even he do if his friends are taken as hostages?

That's right.
That's why he said for everyone to come with...!
You wouldn't deliberately get Rei into trouble, would you?
Perhaps you should keep this to yourself
I only want Rei's power ...
I ... can't ... speak
Now then ...
Don't think about anything. Just give your body over to pleasure.
Sweet ... sent ...
Forget every-thing.
wh ... at ... !?

No ... - Some ... one ...

My body's h ... ot.

This's amazing
Since you didn t come out to eat.
Noir,
I brought you some breakfast.
Aww, how cute ♡
He's someone who can usually do most anything
neatly
neatly
It s kinda novel, seeing Noir like this. ♡
Ah - sorry, did I wake you up?
Mm... ah, Laila?


Is it morning already ?
Even for someone so amazing like myself, this is kinda tough.
Anyway, it's a really complicated code.
It's a multi-table equation code that uses the bible's numbering, or in other words the key numbers.
If you can calculate the frequency of repetition and conversion table, solving it isn't too difficult.
"The star of the Queen's new capital, while working on the site of the sanctuary,
connecting with the deceased Holy King MCCLXX, unable to display the great gold treasure in her hand."

I don't understand what it means
It's a dual code ... this is.
Ah ... The Queen's new capital ... it says.
Isn't that "Qart Hadasht" ?
Amaine
you could decipher it so fast.
Ah... well I'm from there.
Although I don't have many good memories of it.
I was sold when I was little.
"Qart Hadasht" Ahh, you mean Carthage Now that you mention it, there's a legend that the Phoenician Queen made Carthage.
The Queen's "New Capital"
I see Good thinking, Lalla!
Lalla
Ah,
You gotta thank fate.
but thanks to that, I was able to run across Noir.

I was treated like cattle
You were the first one who saw me as a person.
You gave me a place...
More than cattle, you were like a wolf girl.
Shuddup!
I love you, Noir. So much that
no matter how many lives I had, it wouldn't be enough.
I just wanted
to tell you that one day.
I'm fine now, I feel better.

I said it was okay. Don't just say something
Sometimes you just want to put your feelings in order.
Lalla
I—
Lalla
Tell Florian I said hi.
Being jealous of this and that makes you feel stupid.
Ahh
—huh
Wait a second, Lalla! Was there some sorta misunderstanding!?
Why did his name come up here?
Lalla

- geez, what's she thinking
hmph
I really don't get women
knock knock
Azura
I'm coming in
Huh, he's not here ?
Strange

I can't believe it was your first time
I thought that France's young aristocratic boys would be used to this sort of play.
Especially for a pretty kid like you.

You're pretty sensitive.
You'll be my slave before long...
inside of this opium dream.

No one will get hurt ...
If you keep my secret ...
You're free to move in this estate.
No
Long ago,
I was called something like that.
Yes.
I'll take that as a compliment.
You damn ... demon
Ah ...

"The Blue Devil of Maghreb"
Is Azura here ?
Sir Azura supplied us with this wine!
Ah, Boss.
C'mon over and have a drink
Just like always, they're excitable guys.

Yo, Rei!
What is it, were you looking for me?
Yeah, I thought maybe you could make some time to see me.
Thanks for getting some booze for them.
Ha, you're too kind. Now, sit down here.
Amazing the table of contents.
It's like a conveyor
I solved the code - but we just got some strange writing.
More than that, it seems to be some sort of epitaph.
That's the sense I got.
The star of the Queen's new capital ...?
It's truly a mystery.
Ah

Ahh, I don't know the details yet
A place displaying this is
Fleriana

Let me go -
Stop, Floriani What was that for?
It seems the princess is in a bad mood.
Won't you stop !
You dirty gutter rat !
I Y
You can just go to hell !!!

!?
What's the meaning of this, Florian !
I won't forgive an insult to Azura !

ew
!
.....
Wait, Florian !

What will you do ?
Sorry, I'll be back in a bit. He looked kinda strange
Ah.
You're always helping others out.
Ow
You bit the inside of your mouth ..
Let me see.
!

Ah ...
Sorr ...
I ... don't want anyone to touch me ...
Okay
not moving
What're you doing !?
This revenge !?
What're you trying to say
But, that was a long time ago, right!
People change, It's been six years !
I've told you over and over again.
He and me, we're like brother-
right now.
Noir, you really trust him, don't you ...

That man doesn't deserve your trust ...!
That mean ...!
You didn't finish.
There's a reason for that ?
...I just didn't feel like it. ...
No... reason or anything ...!
Ah ...

But.
I don't know anything about your past.
That's right.
Though you don't know a thing ...!
Then why're you saying such bad things about Azura !
.....!

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW A THING ...!!
Where are you, Florian!
Florian
Florian!
Noir, you're just a big fat idiot !
It doesn't matter to me anymore

We were in the middle of a conversation
What's with him !
man ... !
I didn't get him.

But
...
those
tears
I'm
worried
...
Wa
-
ha
-
ha
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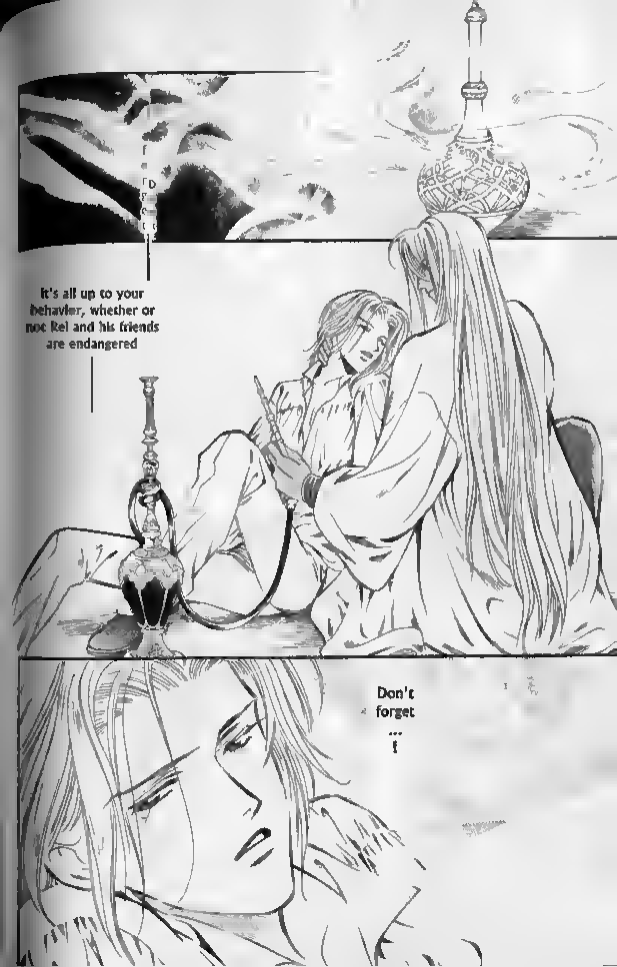
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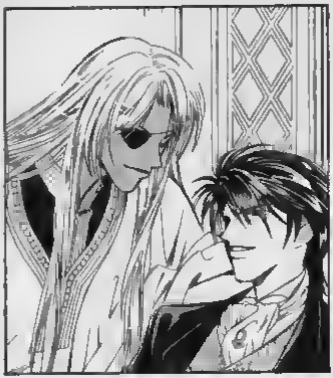
Don't forget ... !



Allahu Akbar,
Hayya 'alas Salaah

Don't you pray, Azura?
Well, I'm not Muslim ...
Hmm.
Besides, I don't need to pray
You're really full of yourself, aren't you.
I'm merely enjoying life.
click

Please, Azura.
Give me some opium.
I can't take it anymore ...!
Hmph
Aren't you laying it on a little thick?
I'll do anything.
Please, I'm begging
Hmph
You say the cutest things

Too bad, boy.
I quite enjoyed your earnest little drama
chu ckle
Did you know? When your emotions rise, your violet eyes grow even deeper.

Y
e
s
...
Azura,
my color
...
And when
you're drunk
with pleasure,
your eyes
turn nearly
blue
St
...
op
...
It's
amusing to
see you dyed
the color of
my name.
-
Florian.

That right.
This guy, he's so freaking strange
Oya ha ha ha ...
Fierlan
Hey there!
crash
Hey, watch out.
Have you been drinking since noon?
Are you okay?
Mm
Ah ...
This sent ...

Florian!
What is it, Lalla-neesan?
Hold on, come this way.
I'll just go ahead and ask you directly
Are you caught up in something dangerous?
Dangerous?
chuckle
What? Lalla
Don't avoid the question!
Now it's fine,
but before long -
you won't be able to stop!
Before you know it, you'll be worn ragged!
My old man was like that.

At the end, he couldn't have looked more miserable.
That smell's opium
That's the devil's drug !
Devil.
That's right
Because I'm in bed with the devil
Florian.
Florian and opium ?

If you doubt me, go look at him yourself.
there isn't a moment to loose.
But -
Impos sible
If it becomes an addiction, he's doomed
Isn't there some kind of mistake ?
Boss-
We can't find Florian anywhere !
He's not here, either
What's all the fuss about? Rel
If he's really
And he's not in his room,
so where could he have run off to ?
Sure, I'm worried because he s been looking a little bit strange, but

Yeah, sorry for causing all this commotion ... Azura.
We're looking for Florian. Have you seen him ?
Florian?
If it's about him, I saw him go out by himself a little while ago;
it was quite unusual. But Fez is a fascinating city for foreigners.
Ahh, is that right.
I'm sure he'll return tonight.
.....

Did something happen?
No
I'm just a little curious about something
Oh?
Now really,
you're even less clever than I thought.
That's fine.
If you really want him to know that badly, I'll call Rei over here...
But,
you don't want him to see you like this, do you ...?

Go ahead — kill me
!
You've still got a little bit of reason left, don't you
Don't make Rei grieve
He really seems to dote on you.
He and I are just tied by debt.
Is that what you really think ...?
If that's so, then you'll allow me to take over all of your debt.

I'll free you from Rei.
In return, you will not appear before him again.
Hush
!?
He's mine.
I won't give him to you ...!

Why ...
If that's all you wanted, you should have kicked me out right away.
I... was with him because he likes me... is that what you're saying?
Then it's decided
Go wherever you wish.
Chuckle
Rei treasured you.
I wanted to try stealing you from him ...
I have no more use for you.

His one remaining blue eye.
If I can't somehow show his true colors to Noir ...
Like a demon.
Azura
What in the world is he trying to do ...
My body feels heav y.
Now then,
how long do you plan on standing there,
Mr. Masked Noir ?
stepping out

You really know your way around here.
I followed you.
That little munchkin, Noel, he said that there's no way Florian would have ever gone outside by himself ...
He has absolutely no sense of direction.
Hmph.
You'll be able to trace him to wherever he fled to
We'll work hard on our investigation, and we'll discover
Azura, I don't understand
What's going on here ?
Why did Florian ...

He was getting in the way -
That's the only reason.
Forget about it.
About this time, my men should be taking care of things ...!
!

Outta my way !
Azurai
I told you, you're too late
Ouch

You're ...
pointing a gun at me ?
I Rei. You ...!
Too soft !
!

Gua-
Wh-...y-..
are you...?
Even though...I always...thought that you were my precious, irreplacable-friend-.
That's too bad...!
Why, Azura...!

I never once thought that you were my friend, Rei.
A subject of mine ...
And then a cute toy that I could move as I wished.
Azu ... ra ... !

I came for you ... Rei.
Study time is over.
I'll destroy everything you've built up.
So that
there's no place to go home to, besides me...!

Wh
What's this !?
What in the world is going on - Where're you taking us !
tremble tremble
rustle

What do I do.
I can't think about anything.
It's like the whole world's going fuzzy.
Where am I ... I wonder.
Light and shadow ...

The western end of the earth, land of the setting sun...

W a a l
!?
Da mn..
Wh o ?
Uh i—
Why my body won't mo ve..

No
No ... I don't want to die here ...
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING !

Ojiichan, look! Someone's ...!
Wait, you !

「ゴージャス・カラット②」END

フランスの方は 何度か行っているので、モロッコほど現地に支た感動はなかったのですが 懐かの生ガキをシャブリで食べたり ワインビネガーがかかっていて じゅわ～んと口の中で旨味が広がり うう… 今思い出しても よだれが … そこにきゅっと辛口の白ワイン～～ ♡

シャンゼリゼ通りに大きなぬいぐるみのお店があって 一目惚れした三銃士のかっこいい子コのマペットがあり 女しお値段が高かったので かなり悩んだのですが 思い切って買ってしまいました。逆明賠のある金の日を光らせて うちの応接間でふんぞりかえってます。

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この本を手にとって下さり、本当にありがとうございました！
今回は、舞台がモロッコという事もあり、フランスとモロッコに取材をかねて行ってまいりました。
モロッコと聞くとめちゃめちゃ遠いような気がするのですが フランスから飛行機でわずか2時間で着いちゃうんですよ。アフリカ大陸が こんなに近かったとは！ とちょっと目からウロコです。

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